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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 30951 (B) KINSHASA 1759

1. THE MAIN PURPOSE AND FOCUS OF MR. ROBINSON'S VISIT WILL BE CIEC ISSUES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ZAIRE'S EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, WITH SMTF AS A CASE IN POINT. MR. ROBINSON WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THOSE CIEC ISSUES WHERE OUR INTERESTS COINCIDE AS WELL AS THOSE ISSUES WHERE THERE IS A DIVERGENCE OF OPINION. HE HAS SEVERAL IDEAS ON HOW SMTF MAY BEST BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETION, AND WILL WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON DISCUSSING THESE WITH SMTF MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE GOZ. MR. ROBINSON IS AN ENGINEER WITH A BACKGROUND IN MINERAL TRANSPORTATION AND WILL PROBABLY RAISE QUESTIONS OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AS WELL AS THOSE DEALING WITH THE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF MINERAL INDUSTRIES IN DEVELOPING NATIONS.

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2. ADDITIONALLY, HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS:

A. BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS--STATUS OF INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE, US INVESTMENTS AND IMF PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO DEBT RESCHEDULING. THE ROLE EXIM AND WORLD BANK MIGHT PLAY IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ZAIRE.

B. SUPPORT FOR ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOTH BY THE US PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS. HE WILL HAVE NO NEW ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS WITH HIM, BUT WILL FOCUS ON ZAIRE'S NEEDS AND WHERE WE COULD BE OF SOME FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

C. A GENERAL EXPRESSION OF US INTEREST AND STEADFASTNESS WITH ZAIRE IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA.

3. AMBASSADOR CUTLER MET WITH MR. ROBINSON ON FEBRUARY 17 AND SUGGESTED THAT MR. ROBINSON VISIT THE CONSTRUCTION SITES AT INGA BY CIS HELICOPTER. MR. ROBINSON IS AGREE-ABLE TO SUCH A VISIT IF IT CAN BE FITTED INTO HIS SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL

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